

## *Committee Meetings*

### USDA'S SECURITY BRANCH

*Committee on Agriculture:* Held a hearing on review of the USDA's release of program beneficiaries' Social Security numbers and the Department's information systems, generally. Testimony was heard from Charles Christopherson, Chief Financial Officer, USDA.

### AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies Appropriations held a hearing on Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Mark E. Keenum, Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services; Teresa A. Lasseter, Administrator, Farm Service Agency; Eldon Gould, Administrator, Risk Management Agency; and W. Scott Steele, Budget Officer.

### DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on the Defense Health Program Overview. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: S. Ward Casscells, MD, Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs; MG Gale S. Pollock, USA, M.D., Acting Surgeon General, U.S. Army; VADM Donald C. Arthur, USN, M.D., Surgeon General, U.S. Navy; and LTG James G. Roudebush, USAF, MD, Surgeon General, U.S. Air Force.

### NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces approved for full Committee action H.R. 1585, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008.

### NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Personnel approved for full Committee action H.R. 1585, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008.

### NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces approved for full Committee action H.R. 1585, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008.

### PROTECTING CONSUMER ACCESS TO GENERIC DRUGS ACT OF 2007

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on H.R. 1902, Protecting Consumer Access to Generic Drugs Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Jon Leibowitz, Commissioner, FTC; and public witnesses.

### BIOSIMILAR MEDICINES POLICY

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Assessing the Impact of a Safe and Equitable Biosimilar Policy in the United States." Testimony was heard from Janet Woodcock, M.D., Deputy Commissioner and Chief Medical Officer, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

### INDUSTRIAL BANK HOLDING COMPANY ACT OF 2007; EXPANDING HOMEOWNERSHIP ACT OF 2007

*Committee on Financial Services:* Ordered reported as amended, H.R. 698, Industrial Bank Holding Company Act of 2007.

The Committee began markup of H.R. 1852, Expanding American Homeownership Act of 2007.

Will continue tomorrow.

### STATE DEPARTMENT COUNTRY REPORTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight held a hearing to review the State Department's 2006 Country Reports on Human Rights Practices. Testimony was heard from Barry F. Lowenkron, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, Department of State.

### CONTESTED ELECTION—13TH DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

*Committee on House Administration:* The Election Task Force met to discuss matters pertaining to the Contested Election in the 13th Congressional District of Florida.

The following motions were adopted: a motion that the Task Force initiate an investigation of the Florida 13th Congressional District election; adopted a motion authorizing and directing to secure the assistance of the GAO, which shall be requested to design and propose testing protocols to determine the reliability of the equipment used in the FL-13 election, taking into account recommendations by the contestant and contestee; the Task Force shall approve any testing protocols prior to execution by the

GAO. The GAO may procure such expertise and assistance from governmental or non-governmental experts and entities as it deems necessary, and shall report its findings to the task force.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1700, amended, COPS Improvements Act of 2007; H.R. 916, amended, John R. Justice Prosecutors and Defenders Incentive Act of 2007; H.R. 1525, Internet Spyware (I-SPY) Prevention Act of 2007; and H.R. 1615, Security Aircraft Cockpits Against Lasers Act of 2007.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1595, amended, Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act; H.R. 359, amended, Cesar Estrada Chavez Study Act; H.R. 713, amended, Niagara Falls National Heritage Area Act; H.R. 1100, amended, Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site Boundary Revision Act of 2007; H.R. 986, amended, Eightmile Wild and Scenic River Act; H.R. 505, Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act of 2007; H.R. 487, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Equitable Compensation Amendments Act of 2007; H.R. 1114, Alaska Water Resources Act of 2007; H.R. 1080, Grand Teton National Park Extension Act of 2007; and H.R. 1140 South Orange County Recycled Water Enhancement Act.

#### MEDICAID CHILDREN'S DENTAL PROGRAM

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Domestic Policy held a hearing on Evaluating Children's Dentistry Under Medicaid. Testimony was heard from James Cosgrove, Director, Health Care, GAO; Dennis Smith, Director, Center for Medicaid and State Operations, Department of Health and Human Services; Susan Tucker, Executive Director, Office of Health Services, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, State of Maryland; and public witnesses.

#### LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT HATE CRIMES PREVENTION ACT OF 2007

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by vote of 9 to 4, a closed rule. The rule provides 1 hour of debate on H.R. 1592, Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2007, equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary, modified by the amendment printed in the report, shall be considered as adopted, and the

bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule provides that, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Conyers and Representatives Smith of Texas, Daniel E. Lungren of California, Gohmert and Weldon of Florida.

#### NASA SPACE SCIENCE PROGRAM

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on NASA's Space Science Programs: Review of Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Request and Issues. Testimony was heard from Alan Stern, Associate Administrator, Science Mission Directorate, NASA; and public witnesses.

#### VETERANS BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing entitled "Is the Veterans Corporation Prepared To Provide Entrepreneurial Development Assistance to Service Men and Women Returning From Iraq and Afghanistan? Testimony was heard from William D. Elmore, Associate Administrator, Office of Veterans Business Development, SBA; and public witnesses.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS SURVEY RESOLUTIONS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Ordered reported the following measures: H. Res. 352, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Public Works Week; H. Con. Res. 79, Authorizing the Use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; H. Con. Res. 123, Authorizing the Use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run; H. Con. Res. 124, Authorizing the Use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service; H.R. 1505, amended, To designate the Federal building located at 131 East 4th Street in Davenport, Iowa, as the "James A. Leach Federal Building;" H.R. 1773, amended, Safe American Roads Act of 2007. The Committee also approved U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Survey Resolutions.

#### FISCAL YEAR 2008 INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session and ordered reported, as amended, H.R.

2082, Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2007

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Office of the Secretary of the Senate and the Library of Congress, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, 10 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the United States Central Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2008 and the Future Years Defense Program, with the possibility of a closed session in S-407 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold closed hearings to examine Navy force structure requirements and programs to meet those requirements in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2008 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by an open session in SR-222, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine pending Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) legislation, 3 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine S. 27, to authorize the implementation of the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 390, to direct the exchange of certain land in Grand, San Juan, and Uintah Counties, Utah, S. 647, to designate certain land in the State of Oregon as wilderness, S. 1139, to establish the National Landscape Conservation System, H.R. 276, to designate the Piedras Blancas Light Station and the surrounding public land as an Outstanding Natural Area to be administered as a part of the National Landscape Conservation System, and for other purposes, H.R. 356, to remove certain restrictions on the Mammoth Community Water District's ability to use certain property acquired by that District from the United States, S. 205, and H.R. 865, bills to grant rights-of-way for electric transmission lines over certain Native allotments in the State of Alaska, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine offshore tax evasion, focusing on stashing cash overseas, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the internet as a portal to violent Islamist extremism, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine S. 310, a bill to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity, 9:30 p.m., SR-485.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 376, to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers, S. 221, to amend title 9, United States Code, to provide for greater fairness in the arbitration process relating to livestock and poultry contracts, S. 495, to prevent and mitigate identity theft, to ensure privacy, to provide notice of security breaches, and to enhance criminal penalties, law enforcement assistance, and other protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information, S. 239, to require Federal agencies, and persons engaged in interstate commerce, in possession of data containing sensitive personally identifiable information, to disclose any breach of such information, S. 1202, to require agencies and persons in possession of computerized data containing sensitive personal information, to disclose security breaches where such breach poses a significant risk of identity theft, and the nominations of Debra Ann Livingston, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Roslynn Renee Mauskopf, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, Richard Sullivan, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, and Joseph S. Van Bokkelen, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* closed business meeting to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

### House

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on Mobility Aircraft, 10 a.m., and on Joint Strike Fighter and Tactical Aircraft, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

*Committee on Armed Services,* Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces, to mark up H.R. 1585, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, 11 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, to mark up H.R. 1585, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and Labor,* Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions, hearing on Retirement Security: Strengthening Pension Protections, 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.